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THURSDAY
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Great stir this morning, with frequent calls to airlines, pulling of strings to enable E. to go back to Paris and to Carlos. At last she was successful and mounted Air France's "Epicure". I had to stay behind. After a few book purchases, and that of a Georgian silver gilt cup at Crichton's, I went to the Embassy, where I read a batch of cables and talked EDC to Penfield before lunching at 14 Prince's Gate with Winthrop.

We had a [redacted] congenial lunch alone. He has, I think, convinced Eden of the necessity of reiterating the U.K.'s unstinted support of EDC.

I took the BEA five p.m. plane at Northolt. At home found Carlos wobbly but looking better than I had expected, Brucie furious at being relegated -- even if temporarily -- to second place in his mistress's attentions.

Stan Cleveland came to see me before dinner and gave me the latest lowdown on French capabilities and intentions.

After dinner Professor Ophuls called, anxious to gather hot dope for the Chancellor. I told him to keep the powder dry and was generous with certain, I hope, specific advice. At any rate, he went off with a wagging air of content.

I had telephoned from London this morning to Stan about a telegram recounting a recent alarming conversation between Spaak and Jebb. I asked Stan to take it up at once with de Staercke, which he did, and he told me tonight that Spaak had effectively repudiated the ideas attributed to him by Jebb. I wish all hands would pipe down for the next two weeks.

Jebb is a troublesome figure in the EDC affair. No man with a vanity so colossal can be depended upon. With him ~~representing the U. K. Government in~~ Paris and Massigli the French in London, we are singularly unfortunate.

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